

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were pending in the application. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for favorable consideration of Claims 9-15, which were allowed. Claims 1, 3-8, 16, 18 and 19 were rejected. Claims 1 and 16 are amended to include the subject matter of Claims 2 and 17, respectively. Claims 2 and 17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim and now are cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102; ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1, 3-8, 16, 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wu (U.S. Pat. No. 5,372,108). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 was amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 2. Independent claim 16 was amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 17. Claims 3-8 are dependent on allowable claim 1 and are allowable for at least similar reasons. Claims 18-19 are dependent on allowable claim 16 and are allowable for at least similar reasons.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If for some reason a fee needs to be paid please charge Deposit Account No.
07-0960 for the fees, which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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